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of us who are involved with the State Fair are more than aware the change is necessary. We believe that the motivation and the opportunity is there, and the change will occur and it will be good for the State Fair. I might note that one of the initial changes that some of you may believe would be beneficial if the committee amendment is adopted is that Senator Vrtiska and I will be off the board. That, in itself, almost assures success and, on that basis alone, I would urge your support so that Senator Vrtiska and I have one less job.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Jones. Senator Jones, please.

SENATOR JONES: Call the question.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. Question before the body is ceasing debate. If you could record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Dierks, to close on the committee amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, just to reiterate a little bit, the committee amendments become the bill and we do provide, I think, most of the structural changes that Senator Pederson would desire. We establish a...legislation for a State Fair Foundation, and the new Fair Board members are limited to three three-year terms, so there's going to be a turnover. And I believe like Senator Wehrbein does that the quality that's available in those State Fair Board members out across the state is outstanding. They do mostly pro bono work. They...they don't get paid for what they do. They come over and fix fences and they just...they're a real hardworking group of people and I'm not a bit uncomfortable with the fact that they will be governing this...this State Fair Founda...the State Fair Board. This bill is the best solution we have at this time, folks, and we simply do not have the